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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KAWAMOTO ET AL.

Examiner

George C Neurauter, Jr.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3 and 9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 4 August 2003 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 4 August 2003 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In regards to Applicant's argument that Moseley does not teach a plurality of terminal devices for a user to select from, the Examiner does not agree. Moseley clearly discloses a plurality of terminal devices [column 5, line 17-column 6, line 43].

In regards to Applicant's argument that Moseley does not teach registration of the selected one of the plurality of terminal devices whenever a session is obtained with a server, the Examiner does not agree. Moseley clearly discloses this limitation [column 8, lines 31-45; column 10, lines 24-55, specifically lines 30-31]

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 3, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Moseley et al. [US Patent 5 193 114 A].

Regarding claim 1, Moseley discloses a network system formed by connecting a selected one of a plurality of terminal devices and a network server via a known communication system, wherein each of said plurality of terminal devices comprises:

means for retrieving information from a removable memory for storing user specific information, and means for transmitting user specific information and information of said selected one of said plurality of terminal devices used by a user as specific information said memory means is loaded [column 4, line 47-column 6, line 43; column 7, line 53-column 9, line 41, specifically column 7, line 65-66 (denoted as step "2") and column 8, lines 31-45; column 10, line 23-column 11, line 29, specifically column 10, lines 23-55]; and

said network server comprises means for receiving said specific information transmitted by said selected one of said plurality of terminal devices, means for registering said specific information whenever obtaining a session with said network server, and means for specifying said selected one of said plurality of terminal devices being used by said user by memorizing said specific information, wherein said means for specifying is part of said network server. [column 8, line 31-45; column 10, line 23-column 11, line 29, specifically column 10, lines 30-32]

Regarding claim 3, Moseley discloses the network system according to claim 1, wherein said means for registering erases said registered specific information when said memory means is extracted from said terminal device. [column 11, lines 15-25]

Regarding claim 9, Clark discloses the network system according to claim 1, wherein said network server further comprises means for sending a notification to said selected one of said plurality of terminal devices registered by said means for registering. [column 11, lines 1-27]


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George C Neurauter, Jr. whose telephone number is 703-305-4565. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on 703-308-5221. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-746-7239 for regular communications and 703-746-7238 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-746-7240.

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